



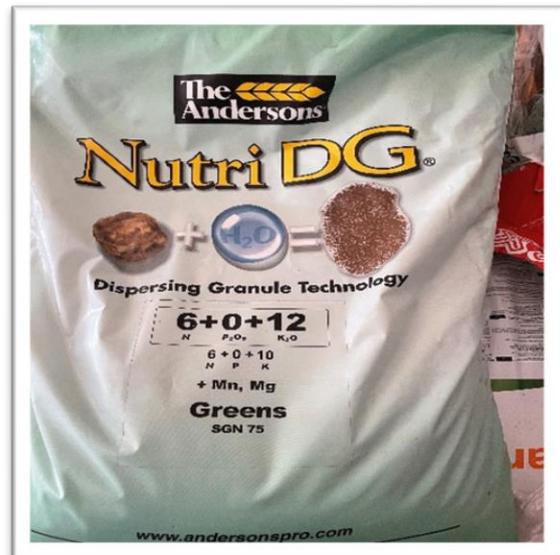
— Founded 1780 —

ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

BALGOWNIE LINKS COURSE UPDATE JUNE 2022

GREENS AND APPROACHES

We now have full growth in all areas and are mowing greens daily at 4mm HOC and approaches three times per week at 6mm HOC. During the past 8 weeks I have purposely kept nutritional inputs to these areas very low to discourage the development of annual meadow grass seed heads. The greens and approaches have had a mottled appearance during this time but have played and performed very well with good pace and smoothness for putting. I have since applied a summer granule product (6.0.12) as the main summer feed which has already made a difference to overall growth and appearance. There may be a slight loss of pace for an initial period as the product starts to work and improve growing conditions. The product used was Andersons 6.0.12 with dispersible granule technology which dissolves the product on contact with moisture so there is no evidence of it lying on the green.



This was the product used on greens and approaches as the main summer feed. The response already has been good with the surfaces now responding to the added nutrient.

TEES

Mowing on tees has been carried out three times per week at 6mm HOC. Wetting agent, soluble urea and magnesium were sprayed to further improve turf conditions and to build soil moisture capacity during the dry weather.

GRASS PATHS AND GREEN SURROUNDS

These areas have also been sprayed with the same package applied to tees which has improved growth and moisture retention on these intensively managed areas.

ROUGH MANAGEMENT

Mowing in these areas has been carried out where required as they have become very dry and burnt in places. The semi rough has been mown weekly at 30mm HOC with secondary areas cut where needed.

BUNKERS

The daily raking and shaping of bunkers have been carried out with edges and banks cut weekly. New sand was added to selected fairway bunkers at the 9th and 10th holes which had become very dirty and stony.

FAIRWAYS

During the period when our irrigation pump was out of action the fairways became very dry in places with signs of dry patch appearing on the high spots. An application of wetting agent, Urea, sulphate of Ammonia and 2-4-d herbicide has since been carried out which will increase moisture retention and give a mild feed from the fertilizers used. The herbicide was added to remove some annual weeds that have appeared in the past few weeks. Mowing has been carried out twice weekly at 9mm HOC.



These two different types of nitrogen were used in the recent spray mix to fairways. Urea is an organic form of N and requires adequate soil temperatures to make it work and the Ammonium sulphate is a general form of N that will encourage the finer grasses rather than annual meadow grass. Using both forms of N will give a longer release time and will give us slow hardy growth over the coming weeks. This spray applied 5.5kgs of N per hectare which is all that is required for our fairways during the summer months.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

All dust paths were raked and tidied up. The newly turfed areas have been watered by hand using wetting agent pellets to retain grass cover and moisture.

All tee banks, ditches and extra banks around the clubhouse have been mown weekly. Irrigation heads were trimmed as required as were the tee plates.

ROBERT N PATTERSON

Course Manager

SILVERBURN COURSE UPDATE JUNE 2022

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Full growth is now present in these areas and mowing has been increased to daily on greens and twice weekly on approaches. Wetting agent and Urea were sprayed to maintain good soil moisture levels and to increase growth overall. Pencil tining work has been carried out using 8mm solid tines into a depth of 70mm. As can be seen in the picture the aeration hole is very small and has no detrimental effect on the putting surface.



Recent work to Silverburn greens with solid tines. This type of work is vital in the summer months to allow oxygen into the roots and profile and to release gases from the soil that build up during periods of intense mowing and rolling.

FAIRWAYS

Silverburn fairways were also sprayed with the same mix as Balgownie to improve soil moisture levels, control weeds and a general feed from the urea and ammonia. Mowing on fairways has been carried out twice weekly at 9mm HOC.

COURSE PRESENTATION

Full mowing has been carried out on all areas to ensure that the course looks well and is playable for all that use it. Mark has been mowing the rough areas weekly as growth has been strong especially on holes 8-16. Tee banks and paths have also been kept cut and tidy throughout the golf course.

BUNKERS

Daily raking has taken place with edges and banks trimmed weekly. The chipping green bunkers are tidied up weekly as they receive quite a lot of play and the sand needs to be brushed back into them on a regular basis.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

Holes have been moved weekly and all irrigation heads have been trimmed. New pins, cups and flags were put out prior to the ALGC club championships.

ROBERT N PATTERSON
Course Manager